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SUBJ: SC DEBATE ON ME: SISCO-GRAHAM CONVERSATION

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1. ASST SECY SISCO CALLED UK EMB COUNSELOR GRAHAM JUL 20 TO SHARE OBSERVATION ON US-UK CONSULTATION IN NEW YORK BETWEEN SIR COLIN CROWE AND AMB SCALI (REFTEL). SISCO POINTED OUT THAT US HAD FOLLOWED UK SUGGESTION THAT WE CONSULT WITH ZAYYAT, OUTLINING TO EGYPTIANS EXTENT TO WHICH US WILLING TO GO IN SC DEBATE. WE HAD INDICATED TO ZAYYAT OUR SUPPORT FOR SYG VISIT TO AREA AND OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN RESOLUTION. US WANTED CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME, BUT IF WRONG RESOLUTION RESULTED, WALDHEIM TRIP WOULD BE ABORTED.

2. SISCO CONTINUED THAT WE HAD HAD IMPRESSION FROM JUL 19 CROWE-SCALI MEETING THAT UK PRESSING US HARD FOR INCLUSION
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OF MENTION OF JARRING MEMORANDUM IN A RESOLUTION. WHILE WE

COULD UNDERSTAND EGYPT MIGHT WISH TO PRESS IN THIS DIRECTION, WE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY UK DOING SO WITH US. GRAHAM REPLIED HIS IMPRESSION FROM REPORT FROM UKUN WAS THAT UK NOT PRESSING BUT HAD ONLY ASKED WHETHER MENTION OF JARRING MEMO MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FROM US POINT OF VIEW. SISCO SAID US NEVERTHELESS FELT PRESSED AND HOPED UK WOULD TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT.

3. GRAHAM COMMENTED UK "IN A FIX TOO." THERE WERE PRESSURES FROM BOTH SIDES, AND "A LOT WAS AT STAKE." SISCO NOTED US UNDERSTOOD UK POSITION WAS THAT IT DESIRABLE TO MENTION JARRING MEMO. GRAHAM ADDED THAT CURRENT UK FEELING WAS THAT MINIMUM EGYPTIANS WOULD ACCEPT WAS A RESOLUTION INCLUDING MENTION OF JARRING MEMO. UK HAD THEREFORE ASKED WHETHER US COULD ACCEPT SUCH OUTCOME.

4. SISCO COMMENTED FURTHER THAT WE DID NOT SEE BRITISH ARGUMENT THAT US VETO WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH EARLIER US WELCOMING OF JARRING MEMO. WE NOW VIEWED REHASHING OF JARRING MEMO AS IMPEDIMENT TO PROGRESS. SISCO CONCLUDED THAT US HOPED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH UK TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING AS SC DEBATE PROGRESSED. GRAHAM RECIPROCATED THIS IDEA AND INDICATED HE WOULD PASS ALONG SISCO'S VIEWS. RUSH

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